

City News

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Anniversary committee needs volunteers

By Ephraim Payne

The City of Veneta will pass a major milestone on April 8, 2012 when it turns 50 years old. The City Council has formed a committee made up of City officials and residents to plan how to best commemorate this exciting event.

"We're still looking for

people from the community who want to participate," says City Recorder Chris Workman, "City residents, local business owners, members of community organizations, other government agencies and non-profits are all welcome and encouraged to get engaged early on."

A steering committee

composed of City officials and community members met twice in October to begin the planning process. Council members Sandra Larson and Britany Boothe are co-chairing the committee.

Prospective new members can come to the next meeting, scheduled for Nov. 3rd at City Hall between 7 and 8 p.m.

Light Parade features new route

The annual Veneta light parade will feature a modified route ending at the former home of the City Christmas tree at the intersection of Territorial and Luther Lane. The parade takes place Dec. 8 between 7 and 9 p.m.

While about 80 percent of the route remains the same as in recent years, this year's parade will not cross Highway 126 and will end at the Fern Ridge Shopping Center instead of the West Lane Shopping Center.

As always, the Fern Ridge Chamber of Commerce co-sponsors the parade with the City of Veneta, EPUD, Lane Electric Co-op, Blachly-Lane, Lane County Fire District No. 1 and the Fern Ridge School District.

The parade stages on Jack Kelly Dr. and heads west, turning south onto 8th St. and then east down West Broadway Ave., south at 2nd St., east on McCutcheon St. and north on Territorial Rd. The tree lighting will take place at the current site of the Veneta Farmers Market at the corner of Territorial and Luther Ln. "That's were the tree lighting had been for a couple of decades," says City Administrator Ric Ingham.

Budget Committee has three volunteer positions

By Ephraim Payne

The City of Veneta is accepting applications for three Budget Committee positions for three-year terms between January 1, 2012 and December 31,

2014.

After discussion with the City Council, Veneta's Mayor appoints citizens to the positions. Appointees must be qualified voters of the City of Veneta. Applications are available at

City Hall during business hours. The first application deadline is November 4, 2011. For more information and online applications, visit the City Website at www.ci.veneta.or.us

City reminds residents of fall ditch maintenance

By Ephraim Payne

With the weather services predicting a particularly wet, stormy winter, City of Veneta officials want to remind residents that now is the time to clean up drainage ditches in preparation for another rain-soaked winter.

According to the City of Veneta's Municipal Code, city residents must keep drainage ditches and waterways on their land free of any flow-blocking debris or plant growth. Maintenance should ensure that water flows through ditches,

says Public Works Superintendent Kyle Schauer, so residents should never plug ditches and drainages or allow brush to inhibit flows. Given Veneta's flat topography, clogged ditches can easily lead to localized flooding upstream.

"The flow (of water) should not be impeded in any way," says Schauer, adding that it is common for uninformed city residents to put leaves or grass clippings in the low spots of drainage ditches.

Now is the best time to work on drainage

cleaning, before heavy winter rains set in.

"It's still dry enough to get out there and take care of things," says Schauer.

In order to follow the law without running afoul of habitat conservation efforts, people should know the difference between human-constructed drainage features and protected wetland areas.

Residents unsure of the difference can call Community Services Director Brian Issa for more information at 541-935-2191.